

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action dated July 19, 2007.

Claims 2-3, 5-6, 8-14, 16-17, 19-20, 22-24, 26-34 and 36-46 are amended, claims 1, 4, 7, 15, 18, 21, 25 and 35 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 47-55 are added; as a result, claims 2-3, 5-6, 8-14, 16-17, 19-20, 22-24, 26-34 and 36-55 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 8, 9, 19, 22-23, 27-29, 42, and 44-45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5, 8, 9, 19, 22-23, 27-29, 42, and 44-45 were amended to incorporate claim elements of the claims upon which they had previously depended. As such, they are believed to be in condition for allowance. Further, it is believed that no new subject matter was added. Claims 2-3, 6, 10-14, 16-17, 19-20, 24, 26, 30-34, 36-43 and 46 have been amended to correct dependency in light of the amendments to claims 5, 8, 9, 19, 22-23, 27-29, 42, and 44-45.

Added Claims

Claims 47-55 have been added. These claims are supported at least by the specification at page 6, line 24.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 10, 12-18, 20-21, 24-26, 30, 32-35, 37-41, 43 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Bardy (U.S. Patent No. 7,070,562).

Claims 1-3, 6, 10-17, 20, 24-26, 30-41, 43 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Haller et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0013613A1).

Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 12-17, 20, 24-26, 30, 32-35, 37-41, 43 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Snell (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,705).

Claims 5, 8, 9, 19, 22-23, 27-29, 42, and 44-45 have each been amended to include claim elements that were indicated to be allowable. Claims 2-3, 6, 10-14, 16-17, 19-20, 24, 26, 30-34,

36-43 and 46 were amended to ultimately depend on those claims. As such, these rejections are believed to be moot.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 4, 7, 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haller et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0013613A1) or Snell (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,705).

Claims 4, 7, 18 and 21 were canceled, rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

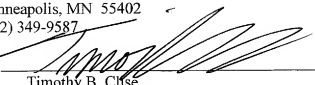
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